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1. Contacted Captain Dwight I. Boyd, District Intelligence Officer, 109 CIC Detachment, Old Post Office Building, Columbus, Ohio, at 0900, 10 July 1948. Read the agents' report and proceeded with the agent to the home of Mrs. Paul Vittek, 2579 Avalon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio
2. Interviewed Mrs. Vittek and received the same information as contained in the agents' report (WD AGO Form 341) except that the bobbing movement described there was brought out to be a smooth undulating movement "like something going through air currents".
3. The subject stated that the object was cigar shaped, with a blunt nose and the tail obscured. "I couldn't make it out plain. It was like a dark blot". The main thing that had attracted her attention was the sunlight reflected from the shiny center of the object, both ends being indistinct.
4. The subjects' powers of observation were checked on aircraft flying in the area and were found to be good as far as direction and movement were concerned, but poor for distance and altitude. The binoculars were checked and found to be Type M-3, 6 x 30, with artillery mil scales imposed. No blemishes or defects in the optics were found. The subject had no accurate idea as to the amount of the mil scale the object occupied.
5. A check at Patterson Field Operations showed two F-80's in the air at the time of the sighting. Contacted Captain Darnell, MCRPOF, the pilot of one of the F-80's who stated that he was in the Columbus area at the time of sighting. He was flying a loose formation in trail of Lt. Collins while pacing him on a calibrated speed check. The aircraft were not equipped with wing tip tanks.
6. In view of the fact that Mrs. Vittek's sight of the objects was from a three quarter rear position it is highly possible they were the two F-80's in the Columbus area as this position from a distance lends itself to a distortion comparable to what she saw, i.e. blunt nose, obscure tail, and apparent lack of wings.
7. A check was made with the Intelligence Officer at the Port Columbus Naval Air Station with negative results.

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